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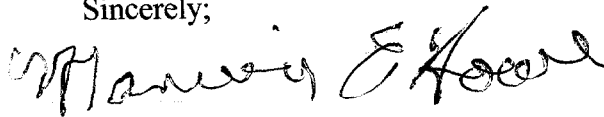
Dear Commissioner Henney;

I am concerned that the overuse of antibiotics in agriculture is contributing to the emergence of untreatable diseases in people. The gains of commercial interests do not justify the loss of effective use of these antibiotics for the treatment of an infectious human disease. We must do what we can to maintain the life saving values of these drugs as long as we can.

The FDA should move now to establish a system for collecting basic data on agriculture antibiotic use in the United States as very little data is available to the public at this time. Government-guaranteed information on U.S. antibiotic use is necessary for creating effective solutions for reducing their use.

Your favorable attention to this matter will be appreciated.

Sincerely;

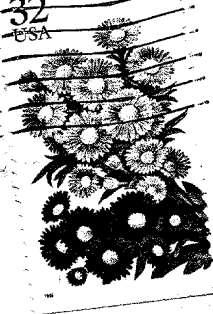
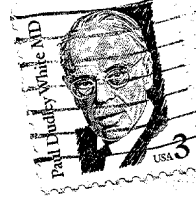


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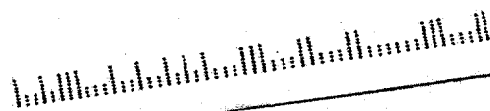
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